

Whispering Hills

Church of Christ



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Gathering Times

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Updates will be forthcoming as to the continual changes with COVID-19.

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HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3,5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

I thank God
for you!

Philippians 1:3



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Things to Thank God for When Life Hurts

People - 1 Thessalonians 3:9
Provision - Philippians 4:19-20
Possibility - Matthew 19:26
Prayer - Matthew 6:6
Pardon - 1 John 1:9
Patience - Colossians 1:9
Peace - Isaiah 26:3
Perseverance - Romans 5:3-4
His Plan - Psalm 40:5
His Power - Jeremiah 32:17ff
His Presence - Romans 5:5
His Promises - Deuteronomy 7:9
You are Precious to Him
Psalm 73:12-13

Weekly Bible Reading

October 25, 2020	Amos 1 - 9
October 26, 2020	Obadiah & Jonah
October 27, 2020	Micah 1 - 7
October 28, 2020	Nahum 1 - 3
October 29, 2020	Habakkuk 1 - 3
October 30, 2020	Zephaniah 1 - 3
October 31, 2020	Haggai
November 1, 2020	Zechariah 1 - 7

Our religious conviction:

God chose to save the world by sending His Son, Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 10:17).

Those who choose to listen and obey the Gospel message SHALL be saved (Ac 2:38).

God adds them to the Church of the Bible which His Son is coming for one day (2 The 1:7 - 10).



food for thought

Give Thanks

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 The 5:18). The usual countenance of the Christian was one of joy. This was true of Paul when he was in prison (Ac 16:25; Php 2:18). This joy came because Christians are in Christ. The Christian’s joy did not depend upon external circumstances. Most people rejoice when things are going well. Christians rejoice during good and bad times because of their focus to do God’s Will irregardless of the current situation expressing their Spiritual riches while on earth to be more of their glorious future than what is happening or happened in the past (Php 3:12-21).

In order to live the Christian life, one must be a person of PRAYER. It is impossible to live the Christian life by oneself. One needs help from above and it is available by asking God and showing our dependence upon Him.

To pray without ceasing (Christians prays every day). Most pray many times every day (arise, at meal times, at the close of day and usually several times in between). To have set times to pray is practical for some, but it is not mandated by God. Christians are to give thanks in every circumstance. Regardless of what is happening, Christians have much to give thanks; perhaps, just counting their many blessings will cause one to appreciate how precious one is in His Sight. Could you name them one by one? When one thinks, one is thankful, it is His Will for us to be joyful, praying always and giving thanks (Eph 6:18; Col 1:3). Prayer must be a part of being a Christian. All Spiritual blessings are in Christ (Eph 1:3). Before God created the world, He determined the righteous would be saved and the wicked would be lost. Each chooses their group. Salvation is in Jesus Christ obtaining forgiveness for all men by His Death up-on the cross (2 Cor 5:5). Living according to God’s Will brings Him Glory. When obeying the gospel, one is given the assurance of their future inheritance by the Holy Spirit. Paul expressed his adoration to God for all His Blessings, He is **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**. Jesus’ human and divine nature was emphasized as Christ. Every good blessing comes from God; but (Eph 1:3) illustrates the “**spiritual blessings**”. Revealed in **heavenly places** (heavenlies) displays Spiritual Blessings are heavenly in their origin. They descend from heaven to the believers on earth. **In Christ** (those receiving these blessings were Christians), which are in Christ. One is placed into Christ when obeying the gospel and baptized (Ac 8:38). There is no other way “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Gal 3:27).

Rejoice always;
pray without ceasing;
in everything give thanks;
for this is God’s will
for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

In everything
Give Thanks

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18



PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, Ron Forge, Christina Jones, Miguel Graves, Joyce Fair Patricia Hurd, Ruby Busby (Bro/Sis Busby's FAMILY), Sheila Harris, Curtis Ward, Joyce Gutierrez, Vernon Skinner (Sis Skinner's son), Mattie Stafford, Annette Rolette, Chris White (Sis White's son) Adam McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter father-in-law), Ray and Byron Busby (Bro/Sis Busby's sons) Joel Sotelo Vazquez / Bertha Tapia [Mexico City, Mexico], Alfredo Cabrera/Ana Yescas (Bro Ramsey's friend) Maria Diaz (Sis Skinner's neighbor), Willie Gray (Sis Gray's brother-in-law) Anthony Yescas (Bro Ramsey's friend)

Sick: Arthur Henry, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Spataro's friend)

General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers), Simon Young, Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson), James Hunter, Jr, Michael Neazer, M. Staton, Milicent Douglas (Sis Glasker's niece), Theresa Farqua (Bro Spataro sister-in-law) Howard Curtis (Bro Curtis' father)

UPDATES:

1. John Carpenter (Sis Simon's brother) passed away while recovering from heart attacks and exposure to COVID-19 [23 Oct]

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.
2. Next Lord's Day: **Daylight Savings Time** (01 Nov 2020) @ 0200 AM.



Sermon Notes

Study Carefully & Study Prayerfully

1 Cor 9:16 - 18 “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.”

Subject:

Scripture Reference:

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FLIGHT FROM DUTY

Jonah 1:1 – 3

INTRODUCTION:

1. A picture is set forth of a man running from God when he should have been running for God.
 - A. Jonah's flight from God was a "*Flight From Duty*".
 - B. We learn of the: Omnipresence of God (Psa 139:7-11); Omnipotence of God (Jon 1:17).
 1. The providence of God; The love of God; etc.
3. [We] must understand life is **NOT** pleasure nor popularity, **BUT** purpose and duty.

BODY:

1. JONAH AND HIS DUTY

- A. His duty was clear. What constitutes duty? When God speaks, duty begins.
 1. As Creator, sustainer and redeemer, God has the right to command.
 2. God's command to Jonah could **NOT** have been misunderstood (Jon 1:2).
 3. There are many mysteries in the Bible. Our duties are made clear involving: plan of salvation, how to worship and live as God wants.
- B. His duty was disagreeable. Jonah did **NOT** want to do his duty. Why? Possible reasons:
 1. Distance - Nineveh was far to the north and east (went further in the wrong direction).
 2. Prejudice - The Assyrians were foreigners who hated Israel (this hinders God's Will).
 3. The reason he was disagreeable: his heart was **NOT** right (no love/concern/sacrifice).
- C. His duty was evaded. Jonah tried to flee to Tarshish.
 - A. This location represented the place of ease, do as he pleased, have his own way.
 - B. Conditions were flight conducive; when running from duty, Satan makes it easy.

2. THE CHRISTIAN AND THEIR DUTY

- A. The Christian LIFE is one of duty and service.
 1. The word "duty" listed twice in the [KJV] New Testament (Lk 17:10; Rom 15:27).
 2. Ours are found everywhere as: owe, ought, must, should, necessary, I command, etc.
- B. Examples of duty and application of the lesson.
 1. Love one another (Jn 13:34, 35; 1 Jn 4:11, 20). It is clear (Jn 14:15; 1 Cor 13:1 – 13).
 - B. It is difficult. [We] are unacquainted, he wronged me in the past, etc.
 1. Like Jonah, [we] flee from duty trying to justify ourselves in some way.
 - A. However, like Jonah, [we] have sinned.
 2. Worship (Jn 4:23, 24). It is clear (Ac 20:7; 1 Cor 16:2; Heb 10:25).
 3. Personal evangelism (Rom 1:14-17). It is clear (Eze 33:8, 9; Jn 1:45; Ac 20:20).
 4. Growth and development (2 Pet 3:18). It is clear (2 Tim 2:15; Heb 5:12; 6:1).
 5. Benevolence (Jas 1:27). It is clear (Lk 10:33-35; Gal 6:10; Tit 3:1).

3. THE TRUTH REGARDING DUTY

- A. Duty is inescapable.
 1. Once God puts us under duty, there is **NO** escape. Jonah did **NOT** escape his duty.
 - A. He would **NOT** have done so even if **NOT** rescued by God.
- B. Duty is non-transferable. Christianity is personal.
 - A. Obedience to the gospel (Mk 16:16); Living the Christian life (2 Cor 5:17).
 - C. Standing in judgment is personal (2 Cor 5:10).
 2. [We] can **NOT** serve the Lord by proxy; To be relieved of duty is to discharge it.
- C. Duty is revealing. It reveals our...Love: [Self or Christ] / [World or Church]
 1. Character: [Weak or Strong] / [Put under pressure and see what one is made of]
 2. Destiny: [Hell or Heaven]